
House - 'Burnside', 43-47 Kell Road cnr Reservoir Road, ST ARNAUD



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Location

43-47 Kell Road cnr Reservoir Road ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The house originally known as "Burnside", 43-47 Kell Road Cnr Reservoir Road, St. Arnaud, has significance as a predominantly intact example of a Victorian style. Built in the early 1880s for James Gibson Farquhar (first Shire Engineer) and his wife Agnes, the house is unusually constructed of mud brick and represents a 19th century sizeable residence on the outskirts of St. Arnaud. The house appears to be in fair condition.

The house, 43-47 Kell Road Cnr Reservoir Road, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the encircling concave verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the symmetrical

composition, single storey height, unusual mud brick wall construction, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, two dichromatic brick chimneys with corbelled tops, narrow eaves with paired decorative timber brackets, timber verandah posts, decorative cast iron verandah brackets and valances, light coloured wall finish to the main facade, quoining about the building corners and openings, timber framed double hung windows, and the main central timber framed entrance. The landscaped setting, including the palms and mature trees and plantings, also contribute to the significance of the place.

The house, 43-47 Kell Road Cnr Reservoir Road, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with James Gibson Farquhar, first Shire Engineer, and his wife Agnes, President of the local Ladies Benevolent Society. The Farquhars appear to have been the original owners of the house initially known as "Burnside" that was constructed in c.1883. After the death of Agnes in 1894, James Farquhar appears to have relinquished ownership of "Burnside" in 1896. The property was subsequently occupied by Alfred Burnand Blakely, Farquhar's successor as Shire Engineer.

The house, 43-47 Kell Road Cnr Reservoir Road, is **scientifically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The mud brick wall construction illustrates of building technique that while not uncommon, was unusual for the construction of a sizeable rural residence.

Overall, the house, 43-47 Kell Road Cnr Reservoir Road, St. Arnaud, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
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Physical Description 1

The property originally known as "Burnside", 43-47 Kell Road Cnr Reservoir Road, St. Arnaud, has a picturesque landscaped setting. The house yard comprises open grassed areas, mature palm trees, other shrubs, perimeter garden beds and large pines and eucalypts.

The single storey, mud brick, Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with an encircling concave verandah. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early dichromatic brick chimneys with corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs with paired decorative timber brackets are features of the eaves.

An early feature of the design is the encircling verandah. It is supported by timber posts and is adorned with decorative cast iron brackets and valances. The timber posts have been replaced and some bays of original cast iron detailing have been removed, possibly as part of restoration works.

Other early features of the design include the light coloured wall finish to the main facade, quoining about the building corners and openings, timber framed double hung windows, and the main central timber framed entrance.

Towards the rear of the original house is a smaller hipped roof addition. The concave verandah has been extended to encircle it. It has galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding and brick wall construction. Other alterations and additions have also occurred at the rear and side, including the filling in of the verandah with brick walls to create additional interior space.

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